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February 22, 2001 LB 88, 176, 329, 419, 673, 755  
LR 36

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is the advancement of LB 329. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 329.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, a hearing notice...or notice of cancellation from the Judiciary Committee. LR 36 is a resolution by Senator Foley. That will be laid over, Mr. President. And Judiciary Committee reports LB 176, LB 673 to General File, LB 88 to General File with amendments. Senator Chambers would move to withdraw LB 755. That will be laid over. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 753-755.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item on the General File agenda?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 419, a bill by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0128, Legislative Journal page 485.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on LB 419.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, let me bring to you a very controversial bill. (Laugh) I don't think so actually. I think this bill is one that will not necessitate or draw the discussion that we had on the last bill, although if it does, again, I don't think that hurts anything. I think we should have discussions on the floor of the Legislature and I think we should know, to the largest degree possible, what we're doing. So let me try to describe to you the circumstances that LB 419 seeks to address in what I hope is a noncontroversial